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Of the 30 cases coming under my care, 18 were confluent, 1 corymbic, and 1 hemorrhagic, as regards the form of disease; of these, 6 cases of the confluent type and the 1 hemorrhagic died.

During the latter part of this epidemic, the prevailing type of disease was varioloid, as vaccination had been practiced on nearly all the inhabitants of our town successfully. * * *

Yours, respectfully,

R. H. HARRISON, JR., M. D.

Report on smallpox in West Virginia.

POINT PLEASANT, W. VA., May 6, 1898.

SIR: Your telegram just received and answered. Have just received letter from one of the three members of our board now in the infected smallpox region in the southwestern part of this State, in the counties of McDowell, Mercer, and Fayette, in which several counties there is a population alone of negroes of from 20,000 to 25,000 working in coal mines and coke furnaces.

I was in Mercer County some months ago, where quarantine and guard, etc., was established with some thirty-five or forty cases of smallpox. Had it pretty well stamped out, and but for the inefficiency of health boards of Virginia at Pocahontas, on the border line of our State, and from which point we have all the while been infected, we would to-day have been freed entirely from the disease. McDowell and Fayette counties have been infected also by escapes from Pocahontas, Va. I appealed to Paulus A. Irving, secretary State board of health of Virginia, to have his local boards of health more vigilant, but got but little done. He telegraphed me yesterday that he would meet me to-day at Pocahontas, and I wired him that several members of the board (three in number), and the local boards of the respective infected counties would be with him at time and place designated by him, and wired our boards to meet him.

There are, perhaps, not over eight or ten cases of smallpox in Fayette, some six or eight new cases in Mercer, and some dozen, perhaps, in McDowell.

It is the great number of people who have been exposed to the disease, now, too, among the white population, that is creating such excitement. Vaccination is general. Railroad officials, owners, and lessees of coal mines and coke furnaces, county courts, and doctors in private practice are giving our State and local boards their hearty cooperation, and if Virginia, along our line, will do her part, we hope soon to control the disease. Will get a full report from the infected field in a day or two and will further report.

A. R. BARBEE,

Secretary of State Board of Health of West Virginia,